



MONTANA **FWP**

**MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: June 22, 2018

Agenda Item: State of the State Parks

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 minutes

Background:

Montana State Parks (MSP) currently has a limited ability to meet visitor expectations and tackle important operations and maintenance (including weed control) efforts. MSP presently has a great need and opportunity to expand our state parks and recreational support.

In light of these issues, the Governor-appointed Parks In Focus Commission is in the unique position to provide professional and independent support to help map our path forward. The key areas the commission has identified for action are diversified funding options, building statewide engaged constituencies and promoting private partnerships.

Steps are being taken by park staff conducting park user surveys, researching areas for increasing park revenues (concessionaire & commercial opportunities) and analyzing potential improvements to the state parks classification policy. FWP is also working to identify potential efficiencies and sharing of resources across all divisions.